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TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP  
SUBJECT: LOPEZ/OSMENA CASE

REF: A) STATE 179945, B) MANILA 9612

1. JULY 26 MILITARY COURT PROCEEDINGS IN LOPEZ/OSMENA CASE  
CENTERED ON FAUSTINO PUZON, SMALL-TIME POLITICIAN FROM  
NORTHERN LUZON WHO IS ONE OF 18 ACCUSED OF PLOTTING ASSASSIN-  
ATION OF PRESIDENT MARCOS (SEE REFTEL B). PUZON REVERSED  
PLEA FROM NOT GUILTY TO GUILTY AND WAS SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS  
HARD LABOR AND FINED P 10,000. THE SAME SENTENCE WAS METED  
OUT EARLIER THIS YEAR TO FOUR OTHERS WHO PLEADED GUILTY IN  
CASE, AMONG THEM AMCIT AUGUST LEHMAN.

2. PUZON'S LAWYER APPEALED SENTENCE AS "EXCESSIVE", BUT  
TOLD TO FILE MOTION WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL  
DEFENSE REVIEW BOARD.

3. SENATOR LORENZO TANADA, COUNSEL FOR LOPEZ, ASKED AGAIN FOR  
INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF TRIAL PENDING RESOLUTION BY  
SUPREME COURT OF HIS PETITION ENJOINING MILITARY TRIBUNAL  
FROM BEGINNING HEARINGS IN LOPEZ CASE.

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